

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 15, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 2, 5, 22 and 25 have been canceled. Claims 3-4, 10-20, 23-24 and 30-41 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 21, 26 and withdrawn claim 41 have been amended to correct a typographical error, replacing “sand” with –granular–. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Each of the Examiner’s rejections is discussed below.

Statutory Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-21, 23, 24 and 26-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on the ground of statutory doctrine of double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 7,047,672. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 21, 26 and 41 have been amended to correct a typographical error, and the claims of the present application are now believed to be different than the claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,047,672.

Applicants note that an appropriate terminal disclaimer has been previously submitted.

Conclusion

Pending claims 1, 2, 6-9, 21, 22 and 26-29 are believed to be in form for allowance, and in indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Examination of withdrawn claims 3, 4, 10-20, 23, 24, and 30-41 is respectfully requested at this time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account No. 19-0733**.

Respectfully submitted,

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